

Project: Southern Cumberland Plateau Water Source

Recipient: Grundy County Government

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Subcommittee: Interior and Environment

Amount requested: \$3,000,000

Project description: \$3,000,000 is requested to assist the Grundy County government in coordinating a permanent water source connection to the Tennessee River that will directly impact 8,824 water customers living in Marion, Franklin, Grundy, and Sequatchie Counties and ultimately impact future economic development and potential growth for these communities. Grundy County, TN ranks as one of the poorest counties in the state. The long-term drought situation on the southern Cumberland Plateau has left water systems with limited options for source water. Tracy City, Monteagle, Sewanee, and Big Creek Utility District rely on surface water from impoundments, but when these lakes reach low levels, there are no permanent backup sources available. During extreme drought, these providers scrambled to find emergency sources of water and tried to assist each other. With continued conditions, the situation could require direct State and Federal intervention from agencies such as TEMA and FEMA.